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**Part 1: News Analysis**

Turkmenistan's relations with neighboring Azerbaijan, strained since the closure of its Baku embassy in June 2001, finally eased this week with a new round of talks in Ashgabat. Despite resolution of old debt disputes, however, demarcation of the oil- and gas-rich Caspian Sea remains a major stumbling block.

Meeting Azerbaijan's foreign and prime ministers in 2007, President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov sought to improve relations spoiled by the long dictatorship of his predecessor, Saparmurat Niyazov.

Berdymukhamedov received more top Azerbaijani officials in Ashgabat last week, convening a joint economic cooperation commission on January 18. The commission was able finally to settle gas delivery and banking disputes dating from the early 1990s. Despite the progress, no headway is evident on the main quarrel between the two Caspian Sea states: division of the seabed above the Kapaz-Serdar oil field. The two sides must reach agreement before Turkmenistan and Russia can proceed with the planned Caspian gas pipeline.

An Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman expressed hope for progress on the issue, while announcing that the Turkmen embassy in Baku would reopen soon, Azerbaijan News Service reported. Although Turkmen TV Altyn Asyr described "a new phase of revival" for bilateral relations, official sources remained circumspect on Turkmenistan's attitude toward the border dispute, while failing to mention the embassy.

Domestically, President Berdymukhamedov continued to exhort the media to promote his own modest reform efforts, even as he failed to dismantle key elements of Niyazov's autocracy. Meeting with cultural officials and intellectuals January 21, the president raised expectations for a further cultural thaw by announcing the reinstatement of opera and circus performances, banned for seven years by Niyazov. "Our flourishing nation should not stand separate from the world," he said in a televised speech. In the same address, however, the president exhorted the media to portray the government's reforms in a positive light, perhaps in an implied exchange for continued mild liberalization. In due course, a number of cultural figures admitted that they needed to try harder to reflect the president's designated "new epoch of revival" in their work.

Niyazov's revolving-door personnel policy has similarly continued under Berdymukhamedov, with the replacement of the chairman of the State Publishing Agency the latest in a series of abrupt dismissals. The president also reprimanded the minister of communications for failing to upgrade broadcasting facilities and increase mobile phone use. Separately, turkmenistan.ru reported that the Russian mobile firm MTS doubled its outreach to Turkmen customers, surpassing domestic provider Altyn Asyr. The apparently greater access to one communications technology was matched by regress in another, however, as authorities began removing satellite dishes from citizens' homes, depriving them of alternative media coverage.

The lingering stand-off with Iran prompted an official in Iran's national gas company to state that Turkmenistan could no longer be trusted as an export partner. Meanwhile, Xinhua Finance News reported that the Chinese National Petroleum Company had negotiated a price of US \$195 per 1,000 cubic meters (cm) for export of Turkmen gas to China along a new pipeline it is helping to construct. The price – 30 percent higher than the one agreed with Russia, Turkmenistan's main export partner – could not be confirmed yet

with Turkmen sources. Turkmenistan took a step towards proving it could meet its energy export commitments by beginning discussions with an unnamed foreign company on conducting an independent audit of hydrocarbon reserves, turkmenistan.ru reported.

## Turkmenistan Part 2: News Digest

Summary: Turkmenistan eased strained diplomatic relations with Azerbaijan by resolving old debt and banking disputes from the 1990s, while leaving unresolved the contentious issue of Caspian Sea demarcation. President Berdymukhamedov announced the lifting of a long-standing ban on opera and circus performances, but began removal of satellite dishes and ordered the media to portray government reforms more positively. Mobile phone subscribers doubled to 360,000.

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## 1. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

### a. Turkmen Embassy in Baku to Open When “Issues Resolved”: Azeri FM

**Original title:** *Turkmenistan's Embassy in Azerbaijan to Be Reopened Soon*

**Source:** *Azerbaijan News Service TV (ANS TV)/01/21/08. Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project*

**Full version:** <http://208.109.86.149/nid55646.html>

**Synopsis:** After a long closure, Turkmenistan's embassy in Baku will be reopened once administrative and financial issues have been resolved, Azerbaijani Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Khazar Ibrahim announced January 21, according to ANS TV. "First of all, Turkmenistan has to solve all the issues, because the opening of the embassy is not an easy matter at all," ANS reported him as saying.

### b. Turkmen President Meets Top Azeri Officials in “Revival” of Relations

**Original title:** *Turkmen Leader Meets Top Azeri Official*

**Source:** *BBC Monitoring Central Asia/01/17/08. Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project*

**Synopsis:** President Berdymukhamedov received Yaqub Eyyubov, first deputy prime minister of Azerbaijan and co-chairman of the Turkmen-Azerbaijani Intergovernmental Commission for Economic Cooperation, and Khalaf Khalafov, deputy foreign minister of Azerbaijan, BBC Monitoring reported on January 17, citing Turkmen TV Altyn Asyr. The channel said the meeting was held "in an atmosphere of mutual understanding" and signaled "a new phase of revival" in relations between the two Caspian littoral states. The first session of the joint commission opened January 18.

### c. Azerbaijan Hopes for Progress on Demarcation of Caspian Sea

**Original title:** *Azerbaijan Expects Constructive Position from Turkmenistan in Definition of Caspian Sea Status*

**Source:** *Azerbaijan News Service (ANS)/01/21/08. Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.*

**Full version:** <http://208.109.86.149/nid55603.html>

**Synopsis:** Azerbaijan is hoping Turkmenistan will take a "more constructive position" in current talks between the two Caspian states on the demarcation of the Caspian Sea and expects "serious progress" on the issue, spokesman for the Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry Khazar Ibrahim said on January 21, according to ANS. Kazakhstan, Russia, and Azerbaijan have signed various agreements on dividing up the sea, but borders are still disputed between Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan.

### d. Joint Turkmen-Azerbaijani Commission Agrees to Settle Azerbaijan's Debt

**Original title:** *Agreement on Settling Azerbaijan's Debt to Turkmenistan Reached in Ashgabat*

**Source:** *turkmenistan.ru/Turkmen State News Agency(TDH)/01/18/08 Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.*

**Electronic version:** [http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page\\_id=3&lang\\_id=en&elem\\_id=12033&type=event&sort=date\\_desc](http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=en&elem_id=12033&type=event&sort=date_desc)

**Synopsis:** Turkmenistan and Azerbaijan agreed on a settlement to solve Baku's long-standing debt for gas delivered between 1993 and 1995, turkmenistan.ru reported on January 18, citing the Turkmenistan State News Service (TDH). The agreement came at the first session of the Turkmen-Azerbaijani Intergovernmental Commission for Economic Cooperation, held in Ashgabat on January 18. An outstanding inter-bank issue from 1992-1993 was also resolved, TDH reported.

The two countries reached the solution "as a result of mutual concessions and compromises," demonstrating their intention to eliminate obstacles to improving relations, TDH reported. The next meeting of the commission will take place in Baku.

## **e. Iran Says Turkmenistan Not To be Trusted**

**Source:** Reuters/01/23/08. *Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.*

**Full version:** <http://uk.reuters.com/article/oilRpt/idUKDAH32993220080123>

**Synopsis:** Ebadollah Ghanbari, head of the public relations office of Iran's national gas company, said Turkmenistan cannot be trusted ever since it cut off gas delivery to the Islamic Republic, Reuters reported January 23. Turkmenistan halted daily deliveries of up to 23 million cm late in December, citing technical difficulties. Iran has accused its neighbor of intending to raise the price of gas.

"This immoral behavior by Turkmenistan has created problems for us and Turkey," Reuters quoted Ghanbari as saying, in a reference to Iran's subsequent reduction of gas delivery to Turkey. "Surely Turkmenistan showed that it cannot be trusted and surely Iran, I feel, will review its trade activities with Turkmenistan, at least at its energy sector. We do not trust Turkmenistan anymore," the gas company's spokesman said. Iran will not begin price negotiations until Turkmenistan first resumes gas exports, he said.

## **2. DOMESTIC DEVELOPMENTS**

### **a. President of Turkmenistan Holds a Meeting with Cultural Workers of Turkmenistan**

**Original title:** *President of Turkmenistan Holds a Meeting with Cultural Workers of Turkmenistan*

**Source:** Official Turkmen Government website/Turkmenistan State News Agency (TDH)/01/21/08/ *Excerpt prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.*

**Full version:** <http://www.turkmenistan.gov.tm/en/?idr=4&id=080121a>

**Synopsis:** President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov held a meeting with cultural workers of Turkmenistan at the Palace of Mukam of the National Cultural Centre.

[Passage omitted: on officials in attendance from culture, broadcasting, education, economy and finance ministries and from media and cultural organizations.]

Questions of paramount importance to Turkmen culture were raised during the sincere, constructive and serious conversation. The Turkmen leader gave clear answers supported by concrete actions. An important step towards forming a new public conscience based on the original spiritual values of the nation revived and maintained in the new historical epoch had been made.

[Passage omitted: on the principle of building a "state for the people" and the importance of striving for civil concord in defense of people's interests and rights.]

[Passage omitted: on designing policies to mobilize public organizations and government agencies to support state ideology.]

The role of the mass media has increased, and it must popularize and propagandize the new national foreign and domestic policies on improvement of people's welfare, and also analyze new programs to bring Turkmenistan to the level of the world's developed countries. The president said that the mass media should reflect the stability reigning in all spheres of political and social life and the activity of the public authorities and government agencies as well, our ideological openness, and the attractiveness of the national economy for foreign investors with due regard to the recent initiatives on the reforms of the state system and creation of a common legal environment.

[Passage omitted: on need for the media to mobilize the public in Turkmenistan's new era.]

The president said that the national newspapers and journals should improve their work. Some journalists did not realize yet that a new time had come. The only way for the journalists to improve their work was to be exacting and to meet modern demands.

Focusing on the tasks of developing national dramatic art the Turkmen leader said that the situation in that sphere left much to be desired. The president said that the artistic groups, which had moved to the magnificent newly-constructed building, staged no production dedicated to the epoch of new revival. The president spoke about the necessity of creating decent working conditions and encouraging a healthy spirit of competitiveness in the theaters. Noting that paramount importance should be attached to training young specialists and searching for young talents, Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov assigned these particular tasks to the Turkmen State Institute of Culture.

[Passages omitted: on restoration of cinema, circus, and opera and need to expand libraries.]

The Turkmen leader had some critical remarks for chancellors who failed to organize and manage the work of patriotic education for the younger generation. In this regard, Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov suggested introducing a new discipline on development of modern Turkmen society at the national higher educational establishments.

Upon concluding his speech, the president of Turkmenistan expressed belief that the epoch of new revival would be embodied in new bright works in national literature, music, dramatic art and cinematography, works created by the Turkmen painters, national television and radio program, and articles in the national newspapers and journals.

[Passages omitted: on responses from officials and media executives, who vowed to improve their work, seek training from foreign experts, and search for new themes and stage new performances to reflect the spirit of the new age.]

The president of Turkmenistan issued resolutions approving new rates of honoraria for cultural workers and allowing graduates of secondary specialized educational establishments of culture and arts to continue their education at institutions of higher education. The president suggested allocating the apartments in newly-constructed houses in the town of arts to talented young people – the winners of the national artistic contests.

## **b. Turkmenistan Ends Ban on Opera and Circus**

**Source:** *reuters.com/01/21/08 Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.*

**Full version:** <http://africa.reuters.com/odd/news/usnL21297765.html>

**Synopsis:** President Berdymukhamedov ended a seven-year ban on opera and circus imposed by his predecessor, Saparmurat Niyazov, who had declared such performances "alien" to Turkmen culture, Reuters reported on January 20, citing state television. The president announced plans to re-open an opera house, build a cinema, and resume circus shows.

"Today a new period is starting in our country which we have called an era of great renaissance," Berdymukhamedov said in his televised remarks.

## **c. President Restores Performances to End Isolation of Turkmenistan**

**Original title:** *President of Turkmenistan Lifts Ban on Operas, Circuses*

**Source:** *CBC/AP/01/21/08 Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.*

**Full version:** <http://www.cbc.ca/world/story/2008/01/20/turkmenistan-operas.html?ref=rss>

**Synopsis:** In lifting a 7-year ban on operas and circuses, President Berdymukhamedov said Turkmenistan should welcome such artistic performances as the country develops, CBC and the AP reported, citing state television.

"Our flourishing nation should not stand separate from the world," Berdymukhamedov told a group of leading intellectuals at a meeting Saturday, according to the AP. "It absolutely should have a worthy operatic theater and a worthy state circus."

Berdymukhamedov mentioned in the televised meeting that the first opera may premiere in about six or seven months. But he did not mention the fate of ballet, also banned by his predecessor, Saparmurat Niyazov, who isolated Turkmenistan during his 21-year dictatorship.

#### **d. Dictator's Birthday Removed from Holiday List; Women's Day Restored in Turkmenistan**

**Original title:** *Turkmen Ex-Leader's Birthday Excluded from Holiday List.*

**Source:** [gundogar.org/01/19/08](http://gundogar.org/01/19/08) Translation and synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.

**Full version:** <http://www.gundogar.org/?022500000000000000011062008010000#5642>

**Synopsis:** President Berdymukhamedov has excluded the birthday of his predecessor, Saparmurat Niyazov, from the list of state holidays, and will again celebrate the originally Soviet holidays of International Women's Day (March 8) and Victory Day (May 9), [gundogar.org](http://gundogar.org) reported, citing Turkmen state newspapers. A decree by Berdymukhamedov restored the Soviet-era Women's Day that Niyazov had abolished in favor of a different spring holiday for Turkmen women. Victory Day was previously celebrated on May 8 and 9, but now it will be celebrated only on May 9.

A day of remembrance for Turkmenistan's first president is still included in the schedule of state holidays on December 21, the day he died in 2006. The "Day of Ruhnama," the spiritual guidebook promulgated by Niyazov, is also retained on September 12.

#### **e. Turkmen Authorities Begin Removing Satellite Dishes**

**Original title:** *Away With the "Dishes"!*

**Source:** *Turkmen Initiative for Human Rights (TIHR)* [chrono-tm.org/01/21/08](http://chrono-tm.org/01/21/08)). Reprinted by permission from TIHR.

**Full version:** <http://www.chrono-tm.org/?0257043724000000000000011000000>

The situation regarding satellite dishes is worsening, the Ashgabat correspondent for Turkmen Initiative for Human Rights (TIHR) reported. In the densely populated areas of Ashgabat, authorities have begun dismantling the aerials.

Officials have not yet explained what they will offer as a substitute. Furthermore, local authorities and the Ministry of Communications have visited several small businesses that offer cable television services and confiscated equipment for broadcasting to local cable networks. The businesses received no compensation for the equipment confiscated. Responding to popular indignation with the official move, a representative of the Ministry of Communications stated:

"We are carrying out the order of the president and the minister of Communications and the payment for the confiscated equipment will follow later when the Ministry of Finance transfers the money to the Ministry of Communications for arranging the cable television...in accordance with the presidential order..."

Thus, our concerns have been fully confirmed: the removal of the satellite aerials has already started; however, no simple alternative has been guaranteed.

The authorities are now able to control fully what citizens will watch. They are not going to remove control even over satellite television (see TIHR's previous article on this issue). There are serious concerns that this action might lead to grave violations of the rights of the citizens to access to information.

Furthermore, officials of the Ministry of Communications decided to save significantly while arranging cable television by simply robbing small scale entrepreneurs.



## **f. Turkmen Communications Minister Reprimanded for Poor Mobile Service and Media Performance**

**Original title:** *Minister of Communications Did Not Ensure Necessary Level of TV and Radio Broadcast.*

**Source:** [gundogar.org/Turkmen State News Agency \(TDH\)/01/19/08](http://gundogar.org/Turkmen%20State%20News%20Agency%20(TDH)/01/19/08) Translation and synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.

**Full version:** <http://www.gundogar.org/?0225000000000000000011062008010000#5628>

**Synopsis:** At a Cabinet of Ministers meeting January 18, President Berdymukhamedov sharply reprimanded Communications Minister Resulberdy Khodzhakurbanov for the quality of state media, gundogar.org reported, citing the Turkmen State News Agency (TDH).

"The radical transformations begun in Turkmenistan have not yet received the necessary organizational support in this sphere and the necessary acceleration, the quality of radio broadcasts is weak: the signal is poor, interferences are frequent," the president said. In addition, Berdymukhamedov reprimanded Khodzhakurbanov for failing to develop the state mobile phone network, providing weak oversight of the quality of radio broadcasting, and not taking measures to improve television broadcasting. He was ordered to eliminate the problems immediately.

## **g. New Chairman for Turkmenistan's State Publishing Agency**

**Original title:** *Turkmenistan's Publishing Service Gets New Chairman.*

**Source:** [turkmenistan.ru/01/22/08](http://turkmenistan.ru/01/22/08). Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.

**Full version:** [http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page\\_id=3&lang\\_id=en&elem\\_id=12049&type=event&sort=date\\_desc](http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=en&elem_id=12049&type=event&sort=date_desc)

**Synopsis:** President Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov signed a decree appointing Annanur Charyyarov chairman of Turkmenistan's State Publishing Agency, turkmenistan.ru reported, citing the Turkmen State News Agency (TDH).

In a separate decree, the Turkmen leader dismissed Tachmamem Hurmenov from the same post for "serious shortcomings in work and for failing to justify the trust placed him," TDH reported.

## **h. Turkmen Leader Assigns Media Ideological Role, Urges Accuracy**

**Original title:** *A Session of the Cabinet of Ministers of Turkmenistan.*

**Source:** *Official Turkmen Government website/State News Agency of Turkmenistan (TDH)/01/20/08, Official Turkmen Government website/State News Agency of Turkmenistan (TDH)/01/20/08. Excerpt prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.*

**Full version:** <http://www.turkmenistan.gov.tm/en/?idr=1&id=080120b>

**Excerpt:** [At a meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers on January 20], Vice Premier M. Yazmuhammedova reported on the preparations for the president's meeting with high-ranking officials of the national cultural and mass media ministries and departments.

Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov emphasized that cultural and mass media workers, called upon to propagate the ideology of the epoch of new revival, serve as a powerful factor for the moral and aesthetic development of the Turkmen nation, and have contributed greatly to the success of the reforms and progressive initiatives undertaken in the interests and for the benefit of the people of Turkmenistan. Focusing on some aspects of improvement of the work of Turkmenistan's mass media Gurbanguly Berdymukhamedov urged that the Turkmen media should provide timely, reliable and accurate information on events covered.

## **3. ECONOMIC NEWS**

### **a. Turkmenistan Plans Independent Audit of Gas Reserves**

**Original title:** *Independent Experts To Conduct Audit of Oil Deposits in Southeastern Turkmenistan*

**Source:** [turkmenistan.ru/01/23/08](http://turkmenistan.ru/01/23/08). Translation and synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.

**Full version:** [http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page\\_id=3&lang\\_id=ru&elem\\_id=12050&type=event&sort=date\\_desc](http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=ru&elem_id=12050&type=event&sort=date_desc)

**Synopsis:** An independent audit of Turkmenistan's major gas and oil deposits is to be conducted in the country's southeast, turkmenistan.ru reported, citing the state company Turkmengeologiya. Negotiations are currently under way with an unnamed international company to perform the audit in the Gunort Yoloten and Osman areas. In 2008 Turkmenistan plans to complete a full audit of the country's hydrocarbon resources, beginning with the major deposits.

The last such international inspection of oil and gas reserves took place in 2004 when the U.S. company DeGolyer & MacNaughton examined the Dovletabat gas field while Gaffney, Cline & Associates, Ltd of the UK certified the reserves in a number of areas in eastern Turkmenistan.

## **b. Mobile Telephone Subscribers Double in Turkmenistan in 2007**

**Original title:** *In 2007 Number of MTS Subscribers Doubles in Turkmenistan*

**Source:** [turkmenistan.ru/01/23/08](http://turkmenistan.ru/01/23/08). Translation and synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.

**Full version:** [http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page\\_id=3&lang\\_id=ru&elem\\_id=12053&type=event&sort=date\\_desc](http://www.turkmenistan.ru/?page_id=3&lang_id=ru&elem_id=12053&type=event&sort=date_desc)

**Synopsis:** MTS (Mobile TeleSystems), the Russian telecommunications company active in Turkmenistan, announced a doubling in its subscribers from 180,000 in 2006 to 360,000 by the end of 2007, turkmenistan.ru reported.

MTS is the leading mobile phone company in Turkmenistan, followed by domestic operator Altyn Asyr, which is a unit of Turkmentelekom, the state electronic communications company.

## **c. President of Turkmenistan Receives Knightsbridge Group CEO**

**Source:** Official Turkmen Government website/01/23/08. Synopsis prepared by OSI Turkmenistan Project.

**Full version:** <http://www.turkmenistan.gov.tm/en/?idr=1&id=080123c>

**Synopsis:** President Berdymukhamedov received Armen Sarkisian, CEO of Knightsbridge Group, on January 23, Turkmenistan State News Agency (TDH) reported. The Turkmen leader said Turkmenistan was interested in expanding cooperation with the world's leading companies as part of the country's reform effort. Sarkisian offered his company's services to invest in and operate a wireless broadband communications initiative in Turkmenistan. He also proposed a construction project for the Caspian resort town of Turkmenbashi and expressed readiness to collaborate on the development of Turkmenistan's hydrocarbon resources.

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